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# BABCOCK PEONY GARDENS

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# INTRODUCTION



HAVE loved flowers all my life. I remember distinctly, when about ten years old, of going around the small country village and collecting "slips" or cuttings from anyone who would let me have them. Then I would take these home to root and grow on.

I had a fine lot of "house plants." I was always looking for new plants, and shall never forget the first and only clump of the "Showery Lady Slipper" I found in a bog swamp. These orchids are very rare in this section now, but we still have a few of the pink and yellow ones.

Later, I began to study plants, bulbs and shrubs, and plant breeding. Starting with very little capital, we have in the last twenty odd years built up our present business, which I hope will be continued by my three sons after I am gone. Our acreage is now about twenty acres; about fifteen acres in Peonies, a very large collection of the best English and French novelties. Single bulbs of some of these novelties have cost us over \$50.00. We are also growing large stocks of Darwin and Cottage Tulips, and we are having good success with the growing of the bulbs.

Our collection of Iris also is very large including a large list of the new and rare varieties, and we are making a specialty of these and Hardy Phlox.

Our location is in the foothills of the Alleghany Mountains. We are about 1200 feet above sea-level and we have heavy winters. Twenty below zero is not unusual. All our plants must be hardy with us. We do not grow plants that will not stand our winters.

Our Peonies come in bloom about June tenth to fifteenth in most seasons, and we sell large lots of blooms for the June weddings. Also always have thousands of Daffodil blooms in early spring for Mother's Day and Decoration Day.

Visitors are always welcome at our Nursery: and when the Peonies are in bloom, we have had over 1,500 auto parties in one day. We are fitting over five acres of new virgin soil for our lining out stock to be planted, fall 1928. This should grow us very fine, large roots for our trade.

## PEONIES

**SIZE OF THE PLANT**—Our prices are quoted on good strong standard divisions of from three to five eyes cut from two and three year old plants. We recommend the planting of large divisions only.

**SHIPMENTS**—All Peonies will be shipped by express at customer's expense. If wanted by parcel post please remit 10c additional for each root ordered.

**SERVICE AND PRICES**—A pleased customer is our greatest asset, and we try to give service that will increase our assets yearly. We are not satisfied until our patrons are more than satisfied, as we realize that our success depends more on the service we give than on the profit we make.

We have put our prices as low as is consistent with good stock true to name. Not so much depends on what you pay as on what you get.

**Please do not send an order for less than one dollar.** Due to the expense of digging and packing they can be filled only at a loss.

**GUARANTEE**—We exercise the greatest care to keep our plants true to name and are willing at any time to replace on proper proof all stock that may prove otherwise, or refund the amount paid, but it is mutually agreed that we shall not at any time be liable for a greater amount than the original cost.



## **Introducing Babcock's New Seedling Peonies**

We have been growing seedling Peonies over fifteen years, and now have one of the largest stocks of New Seedling Peonies to be found. Never have offered any of them for sale, because we wished to make sure they were an improvement or distinct from any other varieties now on the market. We are growing hundreds of thousands in our seed beds. Last year we transplanted to blooming quarters over ten thousand young seedlings which are five years old. They will bloom good in about two years. In our growing of seedlings we now have some very fine Japanese varieties and shall offer our first new ones this fall.

### **Jap No. 33—(Babcock 1927)**

Very rich shade of dark maroon, darker and more brilliant than Fuyajo, center petaloïds same shade, tipped gold, giving the flower a more brilliant effect than Fuyajo, with its white and cream tipped petaloïds, plant medium in season; strong, rapid grower and multiplier. **Nearly every division will bloom the first season.** Throws two to four side buds and it never has been frozen, going through freezes that killed thousands of buds for us. If you purchase one of these and are not satisfied when your plant is three years old we will return your money, if the entire plant is returned to us.

One lady told us, when she saw the blooms for the first time this year, "If ever a Peony was worth \$100 this one is." This lady has Fuyajo, Ama-No-Sode and a very fine collection of the very best.

Price for a strong 3 to 5 eye division cut from two year old stock ..... \$50.00

### **Seedling No. 46—(Babcock 1927)**

Full, double, semi-rose type; rather flat bloom; wide petals all through the flower; color about the same as Mons. Jules Elie, even color throughout; fragrant; bloom has a collar of pink petaloïds, tipped with gold. These stand out very prominent, giving the flower a distinct and beautiful effect, different from any variety now on the market.

Price ..... \$50.00

### **Seedling No. 39—(Babcock 1927)**

Very much like No. 46, but much darker rose-pink; very fragrant; strong grower and free bloomer. The gold-tipped petaloïds give the flower a distinct and beautiful appearance.

Price ..... \$50.00

### **Seedling No. 135—(Babcock)**

Late; very full double; dark red—shade of Cherry Hill; very brilliant, can be seen away across the field, as the tall, long stems hold the bloom up well; looks like a fine Dahlia from a distance. Also has the gold petaloïds same as Nos. 46 and 39, but not so prominent.

For sale Fall 1928.

### **Seedling Jap. No. 62—(Babcock)**

About the same as Fuyajo; same color; petaloïds tipped white.

For sale Fall 1928.

We shall offer, Fall 1928, Peonies that are improvements on Kark Rosefield, Jeannot, and several very choice new Japs. Remember, we can show you a large list of new ones still under test. Come and see them in 1929.





# Babcock Peony Gardens - Retail P



Figures denote		Price Each
Am. P. Soc. Ratings		Strong 3 to 5 eye divisions
8.8	Addelanche (Brand)	\$10.00
7.7	Adelaide E. Hollis (Hollis, 1907)	3.00
7.1	Admiral Dewey (Hollis, 1903)	1.00
7.1	Admiral Schley (Terry, 1904)	1.00
7.1	Admiral Togo (Hollis, 1907)	1.50
8.5	Adolphe Rousseau (Dessert & Mechlin, 1890)	1.00
8.6	Agnes Mary Kelway (Kelway)	1.00
8.6	Albert Crousse (Crousse, 1894)	1.00
7.1	Alexander Dumas (Guerin, 1892)	1.00
7.4	Aiphens Hyatt (Richardson, 1906)	2.25
8.8	Alsace Lorraine (Lemoine)	1.00
7.8	Amanda Yale (Brand, 1907)	1.50
9.0	Amazona (Lemoine, 1899)	1.00
9.0	A. M. Slocum (Franklin)	1.00
7.5	Antietam (Hollis, 1905)	1.00
8.1	Archie Brand (Brand, 1913)	1.50
8.1	Asa Gray (Crousse, 1886)	1.50
8.0	Augustine D'Hour (Calot, 1867)	1.00
8.0	Auguste Villaine (Crousse, 1895)	1.00
7.0	Aunt Ellen (Brand, 1907)	1.00
8.0	Anre (Dessert, 1901)	1.00
8.7	Avalanche (Crousse, 1886)	1.00
8.0	Aviateur Raymond (Dessert, 1915)	2.00
9.0	Baroness Schroeder (Kelway)	1.50
8.5	Bayadere (Lemoine, 1910)	3.00
7.9	Beauty's Mask (Hollis)	1.00
8.3	Belle Donaisienne (Calot, 1861)	1.00



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8.8	Belle Manve (Lemoine, 1903)	\$2.50	7.7	George Hollis (Hollis, 1907)	\$3.00	8.8	Louise Brand (Brand, 1913)	\$1.00	8.8	Mo	
7.6	Benjamin Franklin (Brand, 1907)	1.00	8.9	Georgiana Shaylor (Shaylor, 1908)	3.50	7.8	Loveliness (Hollis, 1907)	2.50	1890	Mo	
8.7	Bessie McGillicuddy (Terry)	4.00	8.5	Germaine Bigot (Dessert, 1902)	1.00	7.8	Lucy E. Hollis (Hollis, 1907)	1.50	Mo	Mo	
6.9	Branlie Magnificent (Brand, 1918)	1.00	8.2	Gigantea (Syn. Launartin, Calot, 1860)	2.00	8.7	Luetta Peiffer (Buyck, 1842)	6.00	8.6	Mo	
7.8	Canari (Guerin, 1861)	1.00	8.6	Ginette (Dessert, 1915)	9.0	8.6	Mabel L. Franklin (Franklin)	7.00	8.2	Mo	
7.7	Carnet Elegans (Calot, 1860)	1.00	8.2	Gismonda (Crousse, 1895)	1.50	8.6	Auguste Dessert (Dessert)	7.00	8.3	Mo	
7.8	Cavalier Rusticana (Kelway)	1.00	8.2	Gloire de Chenonceaux (Mechlin, 1880)	1.00	8.6	Auguste Peltereau (Mechlin)	2.00	7.8	Mo	
8.5	Charles McEllip (Brand, 1907)	2.00	8.2	Gloire de Touraine (Dessert, 1908)	1.50	8.6	Barrillet Deschamps (Calot, 1868)	1.00	9.3	Mo	
7.2	Charles Sedgewick Minot (Richardson)	2.00	7.8	Glory of Somerset (Kelway, 1887)	1.00	7.8	Bonlanger (Crousse, 1880)	1.00	7.9	Mo	
8.7	Charles Verdier (Verdier)	2.00	7.3	Golden Harvest (Rosefield, 1900)	1.00	7.8	Bucquet (Dessert, 1888)	1.00	1910	Mo	
8.4	Cherry Hill (1915)	5.00	6.5	Golath (Hollis, 1904)	1.50	8.1	Calot (Miellez, 1856)	1.00	8.2	Mo	
7.3	Chestine Gondy (Brand, 1913)	1.50	3.00	Governor Johnson (Brand, 1907)	1.00	8.6	Coste (Calot, 1873)	1.00	8.4	Mo	
7.3	Christine Ritchie (Hollis)	1.00	1.50	Governor Morton (Teas, 1917)	3.50	8.6	Crouse (Calot, 1866)	1.50	1907	Mo	
8.6	Claire Shand (Kelway)	1.00	1.00	Grace D. Bryan (Rosefield, 1908)	1.00	8.6	D. Gahan (Crousse, 1892)	1.00	8.8	Mo	
8.5	Charles Neidel (Wettengel, 1919)	2.50	8.8	Grandiflora (Richardson)	1.50	8.2	De Treyeran (Dessert, 1889)	2.00	7.0	Mo	
7.2	Charles Sedgewick Minot (Richardson)	2.50	7.1	Grandiflora Carna Plena (Lemon, 1834)	7.7	7.7	De Vatte Guerin (1863)	1.00	Na	Na	
8.1	Comet (Franklin)	2.50	7.0	Graziella (Dessert)	1.00	8.0	De Verneille (Crousse, 1885)	1.00	9.1	Na	
8.1	Comte de Paris	1.00	8.2	Grover Cleveland (Terry)	1.50	8.0	Ducel (Mechlin, 1859)	1.00	7.6	No	
8.1	Count Devred (Calot, 1898)	1.00	8.2	Harriet Beecher Stowe (Hollis-Anderson)	3.50	8.5	Emile Galie (Crousse, 1881)	1.00	8.5	No	
8.1	Couronne D'Or (Calot, 1870)	1.00	8.0	Harriet Beecher Stowe (Hollis, 1915)	3.00	8.2	Emile Lemoine (Lemoine, 1899)	5.00	8.5	Oc	
8.4	Crown Jewel (Terry)	2.00	8.0	Harry Grandprey (Brand, 1913)	1.00	7.9	Geissler (Crousse, 1889)	1.00	Op	Op	
8.4	Crystal Lake (Franklin)	2.00	8.0	Harry Richardson (Rosefield)	25.00	9.4	Guyot (Paillet)	3.00	P	P	
8.6	Curiosity (Dessert & Mechlin, 1886)	1.00	8.3	Hebe (Terry)	1.00	8.0	Jules Dessert (Dessert, 1909)	3.00	Pi	Pi	
8.4	C. W. Schuck (Franklin)	2.00	8.3	Helen Robertson (Terry)	1.00	8.1	Louise Mere (Calot, 1896)	1.00	8.6	Pee	Pee
8.4	David Harkness (Brand)	1.00	8.3	Helen Wolaver (Brand, 1918)	1.75	8.5	Mechlin (1880)	1.00	8.5	Pee	Pee
8.1	Denis Helye (Verdier, 1860)	1.00	8.5	Henry Avery (Brand, 1907)	4.00	8.2	Reignoux (Dessert, 1909)	1.00	8.6	Pee	Pee
8.1	Desire (Brand)	1.00	8.5	Henry Murger (Crousse, 1895)	1.00	8.2	Thouvenin (Crousse, 1881)	1.00	8.8	Pee	Pee
8.1	Dr. Barnsby (Dessert, 1913)	1.50	9.1	Hercules (Terry)	1.00	8.2	Mlle. Debussions (Crousse, 1893)	1.00	9.0	Pee	Pee
7.2	Dr. Caillot (Verdier)	1.00	9.1	H. F. Reddick (Brand, 1913)	1.00	8.2	Mlle. Jeanne Riviere (Riviere, 1908)	2.00	Pi	Pi	
7.8	Duc de Wellington (Calot, 1859)	1.00	9.8	Hettie Ann (Franklin)	4.00	8.2	Mlle. Renee Dessert (Mechlin, 1880)	1.50	Pi	Pi	
8.1	Duchess de Nemours (Calot, 1856)	1.00	9.8	Iris Pleas (Pleas)	2.00	8.2	Mlle. Juliette Dessert (Dessert, 1888)	1.00	7.6	Pee	Pee
8.1	Duchess D'Orleans (Guerin, 1846)	1.00	9.8	Isolene (Lemoine, 1916)	5.00	8.1	Mlle. Rousseau (Crousse, 1895)	1.00	8.5	Pee	Pee
7.6	Edith Forrest (Hollis)	5.00	8.3	James Kelway (Kelway, 1900)	2.00	8.1	Magnificent (Brand, 1918)	4.00	7.5	Pee	Pee
7.6	Edwin Booth (Hollis)	5.00	8.3	Jeanne d'Arc (Calot, 1858)	1.00	8.2	Marcelle Dessert (Dessert, 1899)	1.50	8.6	Pee	Pee
7.8	E. G. Hill (Lemoine)	2.50	8.3	Jeanne Gaudichau (Millet)	2.00	8.1	Marchal Valliant (Calot, 1864)	1.00	9.4	Pee	Pee
8.7	E. J. Shaylor (Shaylor, 1918)	15.00	8.3	Jeanette Oppiger (Brand, 1913)	1.00	8.2	Marguerite Gerard (Crousse, 1892)	1.00	8.8	Pee	Pee
8.7	Eleanor Ann Smith (Franklin)	5.00	9.1	John Hancock (Hollis, 1907)	1.00	8.1	Marie (Calot, 1868)	1.00	8.6	Pee	Pee
8.7	Elie Chevalier (Dessert, 1908)	1.00	9.1	John Richardson (Richardson)	2.00	8.9	Marie Crousse (Crousse, 1892)	1.25	Pr	Pr	
9.1	Elizabeth Barret Browning (Brand)	1.00	9.1	Jubilee (Pleas, 1911)	2.00	8.9	Marie Jacquelin (Verdier)	1.50	Fr	Fr	
9.1	Festiva Maxima (Miellez, 1851)	5.00	9.1	June Day (Franklin)	10.00	8.5	Marie Lemoine (Calot, 1893)	1.00	7.4	Pee	Pee
8.0	Floral Treasure (Rosefield, 1900)	7.5	9.1	Karl Rosefield (Rosefield, 1908)	2.00	8.0	Marie Louise (Stuart, 1856)	1.00	Pr	Pr	
8.0	Florence Nightingale (Brand, 1907)	2.00	9.1	Kelway's Exquisite (Kelway)	3.00	8.0	Marie Stuart (Calot, 1856)	1.00	Pr	Pr	
8.0	Frances Shaylor (Shaylor, 1915)	5.00	9.1	Kelway's Glorious (Kelway, 1909)	10.00	7.9	Mary Baker Eddy (Hollis, 1910)	3.00	7.9	Ra	Ra
8.0	Frances Willard (Brand, 1907)	2.00	8.1	Koneigewinter (Goos & Koene-mann, 1912)	5.00	8.7	Mary Brand (Brand, 1907)	2.00	Re	Re	
8.5	Francois Ortega (Parmentier, 1850)	1.00	8.1	Lady Alexandra Duff (Kelway, 1902)	3.00	8.0	Mary L. Hollis (Hollis, 1907)	2.00	Re	Re	
6.7	Francois Rousseau (Dessert, 1899)	1.00	8.6	Lady Emily (Pleas, 1907)	2.00	9.0	Mary P. King (Franklin)	4.00	8.8	Ra	Ra
8.3	Freedom (Kelway, 1909)	1.00	9.2	Lady Langport (Langport, Kelway)	3.00	8.					

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8 Peonies—all different, labeled, our selection, strong 3- to 5-eye divisions. This special low price for 8 Peonies is the popular Peony bargain which we have sent out for the past four years, proving to be very popular with our customers .....	\$2.50
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4 Lilium Regal—New white trumpet lily .....	1.00
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10 Trillium or Wood Lily—Fine for shady places .....	1.00
10 Lily of the Valley—New large Fortin Giant .....	1.00
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25 Tulips—Named; state color wanted .....	1.00
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10 Digitalis or Foxgloves .....	1.00
25 Lily of the Valley—The old varieties .....	1.00
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4 Red Rambler Roses—Large plants .....	1.00
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10 Polyanthus, Exhibition White—Large white .....	1.00

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All of our plants are fine large plants that should bloom for you next year and we guarantee they will reach you in good growing condition.

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